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YUGOSLAV ELECTRIFICATION PROGRESSES; DISCOVER NEW COAL DEPOSITS

TO COMPLETE SLOVENIAN POWER LINE PLAN IN 1950 -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 87, 11 Apr 50

Thus far, the "Elektroprenos" Enterprise has completed 350 kilometers of high-tension power lines in Slovenia. This year, it will complete the Five-Year Plan for high-tension power lines in Slovenia by laying a 110-kilovolt power line between Velenje and Ljubljana. In 1949, the 110-kilovolt power line between the Soca River and Ljubljana was completed. This power line connects the Plave and Doblarji hydroelectric power plants on the Soca River with the Slovenian electrification net. In 1949, Slovenia produced 860 million kilowatt-hours of power, as compared to the 360 million produced in 1939. This year, the production of electric power is expected to be 1,050,000,000 kilowatthours.

The Soviet occupation authorities in Austria prevented the second turbogenerator unit from being shipped to Mariborski Otok. They also prevented Austria from sending turbines that had been ordered for Moste.

Because of the Cominform blockade, the construction of the large thermal power plant in Sostanj was delayed.

In May 1950 the first turbines produced by "Litostroj" will be installed in the power plant at Moste, which should be completed by the end of 1950.

This year, an additional unit will be installed in the power plant on the Savica River. It will then have a capacity of 3,600 kilowatts. The hydroelectric power plant at Vuzenica, which will be equal in size to the power plant at Mariborski Otok, and the power plant at Medvode will be in operation in 1951. The first unit of the Medvode power plant will produce 9,000 kilowatts. The construction of the large thermal power plant at Sostanj, which will have a total capacity of 100,000 kilowatts, is continuing through 1950.

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NEW POWER PLANTS BEGIN OPERATION -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 125, 27 May 50; No 91, 15 Apr 50

The 2,500-kilowatt thermal power plant at Plevlja was completed at the beginning of 1950. The 1,800-kilowatt hydroelectric power plant at Musovica Rijeka near Kolasin began operation on 25 May 1950. A high-tension power line between Musovica Rijeka and Mojkovac on the Tara River was completed prior to the operation of the power plant. The power line to Majkovac will be extended soon to Bijelo Polje and to the new lead and zinc mine at Brskovo. The power line between Musovica Rijeka and Kolasin was also completed some time ago. In Vrbica, Serbia, a new hydroelectric power plant began operation on 25 May 1950.

The 30,000-kilovolt-ampere generator which is being constructed by the "Rade Koncar" Factory for the hydroelectric power plant at Zvornik on the Drina River will be 8 meters high and 9 meters wide. It will weigh 350,000 kilograms and will have a capacity of 32,000 horsepower.

FACTORY PRODUCES TURBINE PARTS -- Borba, No 122, 23 May 50

The steam boiler factory in Zagreb recently began the production of turbine parts for Yugoslav hydroelectric power plants. At present, the factory is producing siphons for draining water from the turbines for the hydroelectric power plants at Medvode, Zvornik, and Jablanica. Thus far, siphons like these have not been manufactured in Yugoslavia.

During the second half of this year, the factory will begin the production of boilers for ships, which also were not manufactured previously in Yugoslavia.

FIND BROWN COAL IN CROATIA -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 87, 11 Apr 50

Large deposits of 4,000-calorie brown coal were discovered recently at the foot of Psunj mountain in Osijek Oblast, in Croatia. The deposits extend from Sibinj to Nova Gradiska. Thus far, several shafts have been opened, and about 12,000 tons of coal are expected to be dug by the end of 1950 for the needs of Osijek Oblast. A search for more coal deposits in the vicinity of Nova Gradiska is in progress.

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